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SUBJECT: ELEKDAG STATEMENT ON SISMIK I

REF: (A) ANKARA 5351, (B) ANKARA 5356

1. MFA SECGEN ELEKDAG GAVE A PUBLIC RESPONSE JULY 13 TO PRESS QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ALLEGATION THAT US PRESSURE HAD DELAYED THE SISMIK I'S SAILING BY TWO WEEKS (REF A). IN A STATEMENT GIVEN TO THE TURKISH NEWS AGENCY AND FEATURED PROMINENTLY IN MANY TURKISH NEWSPAPERS JULY 14, ELEKDAG SAID "THERE IS NO QUESTION OF POSTPONING THE SISMIK'S ENTRY INTO THE AEGEAN. WHAT REALLY IS WORRISOME IS THAT SUCH A THING IS BELIEVED. IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT YOU HAVE TAKEN THIS INFORMATION SERIOUSLY. TURKEY IS NOT A COLONY THAT IT SHOULD ACT ACCORDING TO US WISHES." (COMMENT: IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE ALLEGATION OF US UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESSURE WAS DRAWN FROM A RECENT EVANS/NOVAK COLUMN ON THIS

SUBJECT.)

2. JULY 14 MILLIYET REPORTED THAT "AUTHORIZED SOURCES"
SAID THE FOLLOWING ABOUT THE "NECESSARY MEASURES"
RECOMMENDED BY THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL (REF B) TO ENSURE
THE OPERATION OF THE SSMIK I IN TERRITORIAL AND INTERNATIONAL
WATERS: "NO NAVY ESCORT SHIP WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE SSMIK I.
HOWEVER, MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN TO LEARN IMMEDIATELY OF ANY
AGGRESSION AGAINST IT AND TO ANSWER IT INSTANTLY. FOR THE 'SMOOTH
FUNCTIONING' OF THE SHIP'S ACTIVITIES, THE SHIP'S MOVES WILL
BE FOLLOWED WITH SIGNAL DEVICES AND VARIOUS OTHER MEANS. THIS
IS WHAT THE NSC STATEMENT MEANS."
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